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Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Amendment  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/712,838  
Method and Apparatus for Installing a Carpeting Tack Strip  
Docket No. A310170.1US

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following:

1. Transmittal letter (1 page);
2. Amendment (6 pages); and
3. Return receipt postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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Serial No. **10/712,838**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INSTALLING A CARPETING  
TACK STRIP**



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Art Unit: **3721**

Examiner: **Durand, Paul R.**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action issued in the above identified application on October 10, 2005. Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the subject of the invention and the assessment of the prior art.

Applicant herein amends the claims by amending claim 22 to more particularly describe the invention and distinguish it from the prior art cited by the Examiner. Claim 23 is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Applicant amends the claims under the Revised Format by providing full pages of marked-up claims in a scanable format.